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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Remarks****Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

Claims 31-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection to the extent that it is applied to the claims as amended.

Claim 31 was amended to further define the method of synthesizing a compound of formula 1. Claim 31 as amended contains the steps of (a) reacting a dihalosilane with Y'-E, (b) coupling the product of (a), a monohalosilane, with a compound of the formula B-L-B, and (c) reacting the product of (b) with W to form the compound of formula 1. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 17, lines 8-21. Claim 38 was amended to further define the method of claim 31. Claim 38 as amended defines that the halogen of the monohalosilane is displaced with a compound of the formula B-L-B. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 17, lines 12-16. Claim 39 was amended to further define the method of claim 31. Claim 39 as amended defines that W is 2-cyanoethoxy-N,N-diisopropylaminochlorophosphine. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 17, lines 18-21. Claims 31-39 as amended are not indefinite.

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Allowance of claims 31-39 is respectfully solicited.

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